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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with ☐

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1. ☐ called on this date to advise the undersigned that General Stewart had prepared a memorandum to the Director for Secretary Vance's signature. On a cover note to Dr. Fubini, General Stewart indicated that Dr. McMillan asked him to "try this memo on Fubini for size." The subject of the memorandum was the CORONA management. In essence, it recommended that all CORONA management be placed under Program A. It acknowledged that the Agency presently provides contracting, some computer support, as well as some technical direction to the program. It further suggested that TAGBOARD be transferred to Program B; in fact, all aircraft activities in the NRO would be given to Program B. Program A, however, would be given complete control of CORONA, as well as all other satellites and follow-on satellite programs. The paper conceded that, if the Agency wanted to, it could engage in some developmental satellite activities, but once they grew out of the developmental embryo, then they would come under the jurisdiction of Program A. The paper permitted Program A to take over the satellite contracting. It allowed that, if the Agency desired to, it could send technical people to assist Program A or contribute in other technical areas where the Director might deem appropriate. The paper recommended that the above action be taken immediately and claimed that the recommendations were in keeping with the March 1962 Agreement. It suggested that some portions of the Agreement might be revised and recommended that General Stewart be named Chairman of the committee to update it.

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2. This paper was forwarded to Dr. Fubini on 10 March bearing the number ☐ 36238-65.

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3. On 11 March the packet of papers were returned to General Stewart from Dr. Fubini with the following note attached: "This is a typical Air Force attempt to grab power and attempt to get CIA out of the satellite business. I will fight this with all the power at my command.

For Bud Wheelon!"

4. There is some question in Art's mind as to whether or not Dr. Fubini, who wrote the above note was quoting himself or Bud Wheelon. Cannot explain the last comment, "For Bud Wheelon!"

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